

education to be provided through the federal government.

Clearly there is some sort of problem there. I guess we have to have more discussion about jurisdictions and who would provide what. Possibly my friend from St. Boniface, who I know is an expert in this field, might speak on this subject before the debate has concluded today.

It seems the function of the provinces is to educate the young people and increasingly we are looking to the federal government to provide educational opportunities for adults. If that is where we are supposed to go in Canada then that is fine. However my recollection as an educator is that there is absolutely no reason why the schools cannot be made available to all citizens. It is a matter of offering programs that meet the demands and needs of the potential students and providing the courses when the students can take them. There is a need for much greater flexibility in how we use those resources.

In concluding, it is an important subject that is before us today. There are different approaches to how it could be done. There is no limit to the amount of money that can be spent beneficially but let us not forget that this government has put well over \$3 billion on the line this year in responding to these kinds of problems.

In the final analysis the solution to unemployment, as seems to be implied by some of my friends opposite, does not lie simply in having the Government of Canada put people on the payroll through one program or another. Ultimately the solution to the unemployment problem in Canada is to structure the Canadian economy, as this government has done, so there is economic growth and development and so we foster exports in trade which are the basis for job creation in Canada.

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the member for South Shore for coming full circle in his comments. He started by criticizing those who see a role for government in the reduction of unemployment. He gradually admitted there is a role for government in the long term and then that there is even a role for the government in the short term. That is quite a conversion on the road to Damascus.

The member for South Shore was quite clever for bringing in the fisheries and the drama that has fallen on

the communities where he comes from for which I have an enormous amount of sympathy.

I would like to ask the member how he can possibly say that the Liberal Party and our critic from York North have no specific recommendations to make. Has he perhaps missed the initial speech today by the member for York North? During that speech our critic specified step by step a very comprehensive plan which may not be approved by the hon. member for South Shore. Our critic on behalf of the Official Opposition put forward a specific, very precise plan amounting to a substantial amount. Nevertheless it is well thought out. The member for South Shore cannot accuse the critic and the Liberal Party that it is very easy to speak for the opposition when one is in the opposition and that he "has not heard any recommendations from the Liberal Party of Canada".

• (1530)

How can he make such a statement?

Mr. McCreath: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my hon. friend's concern for the problems we have in the fishery in Atlantic Canada, which I know is genuine. The lack of specificity that I was looking for in the proposal of the hon. member for York North had to do with the lack of costing.

The member rose in this House and said the government should establish a national youth service program or a national apprenticeship program. It is great that my hon. friend for York North set forth his ideas and so on.

The question I said was not answered was asked in a very specific way by the Minister of State for Finance. What is the cost of such a program and where does the hon. member propose those funds should come from? Should they be added to the deficit? Should there be some sort of tax regime or is he proposing that something else should be cut from the budget and the funds obtained there?

That was the specificity I was looking for. It is clear the hon. member for York North did not know the answers to those questions. Possibly my hon. friend conceptualized the program without regard to the cost implications of it. Possibly my hon. friend from Davenport can tell us exactly what the cost of that program would be and